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Dear Interested Public:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Mount Lewis Field Office (MLFO) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) which analyzes the impacts of a proposed Barite Exploration Project near Battle Mountain, Nevada. The EA identifies, describes and evaluates resource protection measures that would mitigate the possible impacts from the proposal.

Halliburton Energy Services (HES) has submitted a Plan of Operations for an exploration drilling project. The project will include up to 41.2 acres of disturbance consisting of roads, drill pads, and a staging area. HES also intends to remove an existing barite stockpile.

The EA will be available for a 30-day public comment period. Written comments on this EA will be accepted at the above address until 4:30 p.m., January 10, 2012. The EA can be viewed on the BLM Battle Mountain District website at:

[http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle\\_mountain\\_field/blm\\_information/national\\_environmental.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle_mountain_field/blm_information/national_environmental.html)

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If you have any questions or to obtain a hard copy of this document, please contact Andrea Dolbear, Project Lead and Planning and Environmental Coordinator (detail), at the above address or at (775) 635-4000.

Sincerely,

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